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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, the Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A fuel cell comprising:
a joint body produced by interposing an electrolyte member between a pair of
electrodes;
a separator which holds the joint body;
a plurality of projections projecting from a bottom of the separator;
a rib portion which divides an area where the projections project into a plurality of
regions and forms a passage for fluid which flow through the separator, wherein the plurality
of regions communicate with each other; and
a gas supply inlet which connects the fluid passage and supplies a gas to the fluid
passage therethrough, wherein the gas supply inlet is located so that a gas flow between the
gas supply inlet and the fluid passage is parallel to a gas flow in the fluid passage.

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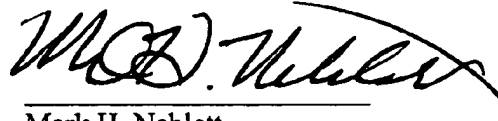
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4. (Once amended) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein a direction of the gas
flow in the fluid passage in at least one of the plurality of regions differs from a direction of
the gas flow in a second one of the plurality of regions.

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The Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, the Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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